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On the Harmony between Geography and Ethnography. By C. O. GROOM NAPIER, F.G.S., F.A.S.L.

(ABSTRACT.)

THE principle that man is the type of creation is as applicable to geography as zoology. Races in their centres shew qualities in harmony with climatic, botanical, zoological, geographical, and geological surroundings. Thus the man of the locality is its key and its epitome. Mountains and rivers by their elevation, course, and direction, illustrate the history, character, and migrations of races as do deserts, steppes, llanos, national or racial character and habits; thus the inhabitants of mountainous districts are distinguished for loftiness of spirit and love of freedom. The inhabitants of steppes are democratic rather than aristocratic, whose tendency is to look up to chiefs as to a mountain peak. Nations temperate in passions—that is, those under the strictest moral government—reside mostly in temperate regions. The rainfall of countries typifies the degree of their moral and spiritual advantages, the belongings of each centre being considered.

The animals and plants of different regions of the earth illustrate, we have said, the character of the nations. Australia has the most debased *fauna* for so large a country, in harmony with its human population. The animals and plants of America are less vigorous than those of the eastern hemisphere, in harmony with the comparative inferiority of its aboriginal men; thus, the bats, the puma, jaguar, lama, tapir, bison, opossum, alligator, rhea, and turkey are smaller, or less vigorous than the bats of Madagascar, the lion, tiger, camel, elephant, African buffalo, kangaroo, crocodile, ostrich, and bustard.

The meeting then adjourned.

APRIL 30TH, 1867.

DR. CHARNOCK, V.P.A.S.L., IN THE CHAIR.

THE minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Fellows elected were announced as under:—C. W. B. Bell, M.B., L.L.B., 5th Lancers, Messrs. Clack and Co.; Thomas Brankstone, Esq., 5, St. German Place, Blackheath; Rev. T. H. Browne, F.G.S., High Wycombe, Bucks; G. R. Dartnell, Esq., Henley in Arden; Robert Eadie, Esq., Blaydon-on-Tyne, Durham; E. Hooper May, Esq., M.D., High Cross, Tottenham; Thomas Mayne, Esq., M.D., Barrow-in-Furness, Lancashire; Barr Meadows, Esq., L.R.C.P., 2, Warwick Street, W.C.; John Medd, Esq., M.D., Elm Place, Stratford Road, Manchester; Robert G. Moger, Esq., F.R.C.S., Highgate; Henry Muirhead, Esq., M.D., Longdale, Bothwell, Lancashire; J. C. Murray, Esq., M.D., 20, Newgate Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne; S. F. Simonsen, Esq., F.R.C.S., 21, St. James Street, S.W.; H. V. Simpson, Esq., L.R.C.P., 167, City Road, E.C.; G. Hill Smith, Esq., M.D.,